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1. BUZENET, DEPUTY TO DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR TO MOD, CON-
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TACTED EMBOFF MARCH 22 RE US POSITION ON AWACS (REF A).
BUZENET SAID THAT, AFTER CONFERRING WITH HIS SUPERIORS,
IT REMAINS "IMPROBABLE" THAT GOF WILL BE IN POSITION
TO MAKE AWACS DECISION PRIOR TO MARCH 25 SPECIAL
MINISTERIAL. THUS HE CONFIRMED HIS PERSONAL REACTION
REPORTED REF B.

2. BUZENET REQUESTED FOLLOWING CLARIFICATIONS:

A. RE PARA 2, REF A, IS GOF CORRECT IN ASSUMING THAT THIS MEANS USG WILL UNDERTAKE TO PURCHASE MILITARY EQUIPMENT OFFSHORE IN THE EVENT THAT INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION IS DECREASED TO REDUCE PROGRAM COSTS? WILL THE OFFSET BE 100 PER CENT OF VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION WHICH MAY BE FOREGONE?

B. FRENCH INTERPRET PARA 3, REF A, TO MEAN THAT OPTION FOR FRENCH DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN AWACS PROCUREMENT COULD CONTINUE BEYOND MAY 17 DPC MEETING. IS THIS CORRECT?

3. PLEASE ADVISE.

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